

BARON EMERGING MARKETS FUND

September 30, 2021

Institutional Shares (BEXIX)



Portfolio Manager

Michael Kass joined Baron in 2007 as a portfolio manager and has 34 years of research experience. From 2003 to 2007, Michael was a managing principal of Artemis Advisors, which he formed to acquire the Artemis Funds, a long-short equity strategy he co-founded in 1998. From 1993 to 2003, he worked at ING as a director of proprietary trading and was named senior managing director and portfolio manager in 1996. From 1989 to 1993, he worked at Lazard Frères in investment banking. From 1987 to 1989, he worked at Bear Stearns as a corporate finance analyst. Michael graduated *summa cum laude* from Tulane University with a B.A. in Economics in 1987.

Investment Principles

- Long-term perspective allows us to think like an owner of a business
- Independent and exhaustive research is essential to understanding the long-term fundamental growth prospects of a business
- We seek open-ended growth opportunities, exceptional leadership, and sustainable competitive advantages
- Purchase price and risk management are integral to our investment process

Investment Strategy

The Fund invests primarily in emerging market companies of all sizes with significant growth potential. The Fund may invest up to 20% in companies in developed and frontier countries. Diversified.



Portfolio Facts and Characteristics

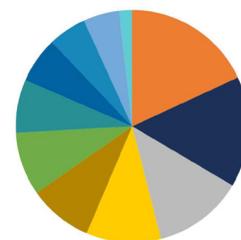
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|--|-----------------------------|
| Inception Date | December 31, 2010 |
| Net Assets | \$9.52 billion |
| # of Issuers / % of Net Assets | 98 / 91.1% |
| Turnover (3 Year Average) | 47.01% |
| Active Share | 79.2% |
| Median Market Cap ² | \$14.31 billion |
| Weighted Average Market Cap ² | \$97.06 billion |
| As of FYE 12/31/2020 | Institutional Shares |
| CUSIP | 06828M876 |
| Expense Ratio | 1.09% |

Retail and R6 Shares are also available for this Fund.

Top 10 Holdings

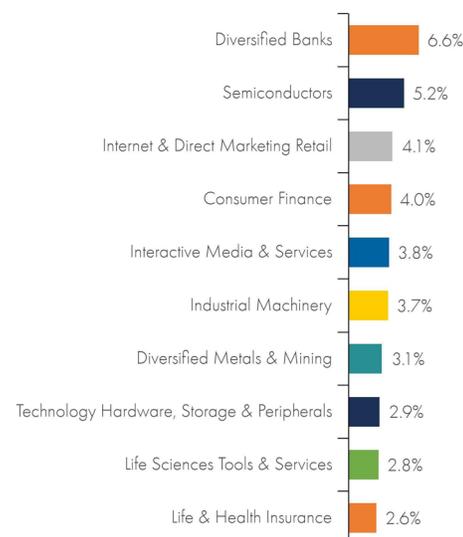
| | % of Net Assets |
|---|-----------------|
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd. | 3.6 |
| Bajaj Finance Limited | 3.1 |
| Tencent Holdings Limited | 3.0 |
| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. | 2.9 |
| Reliance Industries Limited | 2.5 |
| Alibaba Group Holding Limited | 2.4 |
| Novatek PJSC | 2.1 |
| Sberbank of Russia PJSC | 2.1 |
| Glencore PLC | 1.7 |
| Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering Co., Ltd. | 1.7 |
| Total | 25.1 |

GICS Sector Breakdown^{1,4}



| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Financials | 18.1% |
| Information Technology | 15.4% |
| Consumer Discretionary | 12.5% |
| Industrials | 10.4% |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | 8.9% |
| Health Care | 8.8% |
| Materials | 7.4% |
| Communication Services | 6.4% |
| Consumer Staples | 5.3% |
| Energy | 5.0% |
| Real Estate | 1.8% |
| Unclassified | 0.0% |

Top GICS Sub-Industry Breakdown¹



Colors of Sub-Industry bars correspond to sector chart above.

Risks

Risks: In addition to the general stock market risk that securities may fluctuate in value, investments in developing countries may have increased risks due to a greater possibility of: settlement delays; currency and capital controls; interest rate sensitivity; corruption and crime; exchange rate volatility; and inflation or deflation. The Fund invests in companies of all sizes, including small and medium sized companies whose securities may be thinly traded and more difficult to sell during market downturns.



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Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)

| Year | BEXIX | MSCI EM Index | MSCI EM IMI Growth Index |
|------|--------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 2012 | 23.22 | 18.22 | 20.72 |
| 2013 | 15.02 | -2.60 | 0.10 |
| 2014 | 3.75 | -2.19 | -0.15 |
| 2015 | -10.97 | -14.92 | -10.51 |
| 2016 | 4.08 | 11.19 | 5.84 |
| 2017 | 40.63 | 37.28 | 44.70 |
| 2018 | -18.49 | -14.58 | -18.44 |
| 2019 | 18.86 | 18.42 | 23.60 |
| 2020 | 29.22 | 18.31 | 30.75 |

Performance Based Characteristics³

| | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized | 20.73 | 17.65 | 16.06 |
| Sharpe Ratio | 0.53 | 0.48 | 0.52 |
| Alpha (%) - Annualized | 3.29 | 0.40 | 3.45 |
| Beta | 1.03 | 1.01 | 0.88 |
| R-Squared (%) | 93.42 | 91.52 | 86.01 |
| Tracking Error (%) | 5.35 | 5.14 | 6.35 |
| Information Ratio | 0.67 | 0.07 | 0.44 |
| Upside Capture (%) | 105.99 | 98.68 | 92.75 |
| Downside Capture (%) | 93.61 | 96.25 | 77.81 |

Country Breakdown

| | % of Net Assets | | % of Net Assets |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Emerging | 85.3 | Emerging (Cont'd) | |
| China | 28.9 | Poland | 0.9 |
| India | 26.8 | Peru | 0.4 |
| Russia | 7.8 | United Arab Emirates | 0.3 |
| Brazil | 6.2 | Developed | 5.8 |
| Korea | 5.1 | Hong Kong | 2.2 |
| Taiwan | 4.6 | United Kingdom | 1.7 |
| Mexico | 1.9 | Japan | 1.1 |
| Hungary | 1.2 | Norway | 0.4 |
| Philippines | 1.2 | United States | 0.4 |

Performance

| | Total Return (%) | | | | Annualized Returns (%) | | | | | Cumulative Returns (%) |
|--|------------------|------------|------------|-------|------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | 3rd Q 2021 | 2nd Q 2021 | 1st Q 2021 | YTD | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | Since Inception 12/31/2010 | Since Inception 12/31/2010 |
| BEXIX-Institutional Shares | -6.47 | 4.83 | -0.16 | -2.10 | 17.95 | 12.17 | 9.61 | 8.90 | 6.41 | 94.94 |
| MSCI EM Index | -8.09 | 5.05 | 2.29 | -1.25 | 18.20 | 8.58 | 9.23 | 6.09 | 3.25 | 41.04 |
| MSCI EM IMI Growth Index | -9.97 | 5.17 | 1.30 | -4.08 | 12.40 | 12.46 | 11.14 | 8.08 | 4.90 | 67.16 |
| Morningstar Diversified Emerging Mkts Category Average | -6.79 | 5.47 | 3.14 | 1.42 | 21.59 | 9.94 | 9.07 | 6.33 | N/A | N/A |

Top Contributors/Detractors to Performance²

BY SUB-INDUSTRIES¹

| Top Contributors | Average Weight(%) | Contribution(%) |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Consumer Finance | 3.81 | 0.51 |
| Real Estate Development | 0.69 | 0.40 |
| Oil & Gas Refining & Marketing | 2.22 | 0.39 |
| Oil & Gas Exploration & Production | 2.01 | 0.37 |
| Wireless Telecommunication Services | 1.06 | 0.27 |

| Top Detractors | Average Weight(%) | Contribution(%) |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| Internet & Direct Marketing Retail | 5.21 | -2.17 |
| Biotechnology | 1.88 | -0.87 |
| Interactive Media & Services | 3.83 | -0.69 |
| Semiconductors | 5.82 | -0.63 |
| Data Processing and Outsourced Services | 1.72 | -0.50 |

BY HOLDINGS

| Top Contributors | Average Weight(%) | Contribution(%) |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Bajaj Finance Limited | 2.68 | 0.66 |
| Godrej Properties Limited | 0.69 | 0.40 |
| Reliance Industries Limited | 2.22 | 0.39 |
| Novatek PJSC | 2.01 | 0.37 |
| Hyundai Heavy Industries Co., Ltd. | 0.12 | 0.29 |

| Top Detractors | Average Weight(%) | Contribution(%) |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| Alibaba Group Holding Limited | 3.23 | -1.31 |
| Zai Lab Limited | 1.70 | -0.79 |
| Tencent Holdings Limited | 3.10 | -0.77 |
| Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering Co., Ltd. | 1.97 | -0.63 |
| StoneCo Ltd. | 0.98 | -0.58 |

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2 - Source: FactSet PA and BAMCO.

3 - Source: FactSet SPAR. Except for Standard Deviation and Sharpe Ratio, the performance based characteristics above were calculated relative to the Fund's benchmark.

4 - Cash includes cash, cash equivalents, and unrealized appreciation/depreciation from unfunded commitments in PIPE, SPAC PIPE and/or Private Equity securities.

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